

Amendment No. 1 to HB2493

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, is amended by adding the following as a new chapter:

(a) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Honorably discharged veteran" means any person who has been honorably discharged from the army, navy, air force, marine corps, or coast guard, or any person who has been honorably discharged from a reserve component as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 10101, having performed active federal service in the armed forces of the United States;

(2) "Licensing authority" means a state board, agency, or commission, attached to the division of regulatory boards, as listed in § 4-3-1304(a), with the authority to impose training, education, or licensure fees to practice in an occupation regulated under this title; and

(3) "Member of the armed forces" means a member of the United States armed forces or a member of a reserve or Tennessee national guard unit who is in, or was called into, active service or active military service of the United States, as defined in § 58-1-102.

(b) Members of the United States armed forces and persons who are honorably discharged veterans are eligible to receive equivalent credit toward the receipt of an occupational license regulated under this title relating to the training received while serving in the armed forces if the training is consistent with requirements for licensure as

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determined by the applicable licensing authority. In order to receive credit in accordance with this subsection (b), the member of the armed forces or honorably discharged veteran shall submit to the applicable licensing authority as evidence of training a certificate from:

- (1) The United States department of defense; or
- (2) The United States department of veterans affairs.

(c) Any person aggrieved by a decision of a licensing authority concerning eligibility for equivalent credit under this section may appeal to the commissioner with oversight authority for the licensing authority, or the commissioner's designee, for a determination of whether the training meets the requirements for licensure. An appeal under this subsection (c) must be conducted in the same manner as is provided in § 4-5-322, for a contested case hearing under the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(d) Each commissioner with oversight authority for a licensing authority of an occupation regulated under this title, in collaboration with the commissioner of veterans services, shall promulgate rules to effectuate this section. All rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect January 1, 2021.